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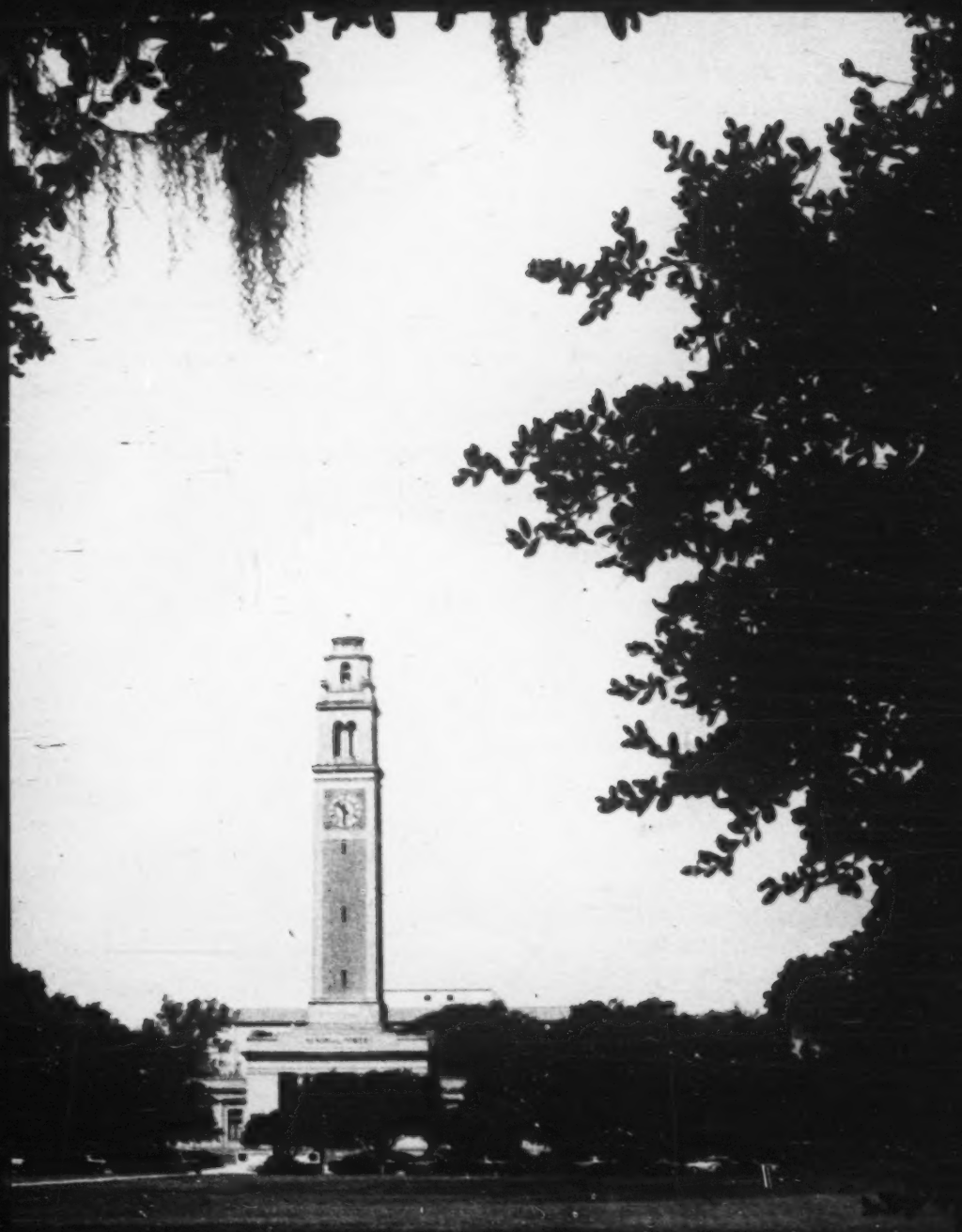

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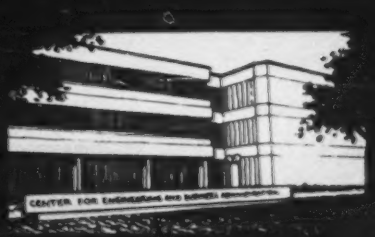

Economic Review And Outlook

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United States

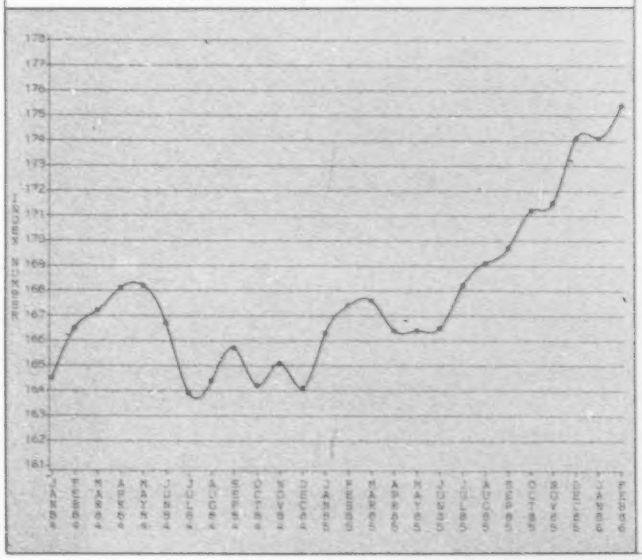
The U.S. economy appears sluggish during the first quarter of 1986, although the overall performance during the year is likely to be better than it was in 1985. Revised estimates indicate that the real Gross National Product (GNP) increased at an annual rate of only 0.7 percent in the final quarter of 1985 and the growth for the full year was 2.2 percent. Most economists expect the U.S. economy to grow in the 3 to 3.3 percent range in 1986.

The Federal Reserve Board's Index of Industrial Production dropped 0.6 percent in February following a 0.1 percent gain in January. The biggest decline was in oil and gas production, where output dropped 3.3 percent after declining 1.1 percent in January. Industrial production is likely to increase as the economy gains strength during the coming months.

Seasonally adjusted retail sales declined 0.1 percent in February following a 0.2 percent drop in January. Retail sales should increase in the spring since personal income is expected to grow and the decline in interest rates will stimulate the purchase of big ticket items. Total housing starts declined 3.5 percent in February, but the construction activities are still vibrant. Low mortgage rates should sustain this sector's activities through most of 1986.

Index of 12 Leading Indicators

United States (1967=100)



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The U.S. civilian unemployment rate (seasonally adjusted) was 7.3 percent in February compared with 6.7 percent in January. Total civilian employment declined 0.4 percent in February. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment, however, increased during the month. The employment gains in wholesale and retail trade, services, and government exceeded the losses in mining, construction, and manufacturing. Employment is expected to grow moderately in 1986.

The U.S. Leading Economic Indicator rose 0.7 percent in February, following a standstill level in January. The impressive gain suggests that the national economy should continue to grow during the rest of 1986.

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined 0.3 percent in February and the Producer Price Index (PPI) dropped 1.6 percent. This suggests that inflation is unlikely to be a problem in 1986. Interest rates have generally declined over the past month and should stay down until the middle of 1986. This will stimulate the activities such as construction and sales of consumer durables and long term investments.

United States and Louisiana

United States

	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Forecasts Mar 86	Forecasts Apr 86
• Employment & Unemployment •							
Employment Statistics (Mil)							
Civilian Labor Force	116.1	116.1	116.2	116.8	117.1	*116.8*	*116.9*
Employed	107.8	108.0	108.2	109.0	108.6	*108.9*	*109.2*
Unemployed	8.3	8.2	8.0	7.8	8.5	*7.9*	*7.6*
Unemployment Rate	7.1	7.0	6.9	6.7	7.3	*6.8*	*6.5*
• Price Indexes •							
Producer Price Indexes							
Finished Goods	294.8	296.7	297.2	296.2	292.3	*294.6*	*296.5*
Finished Consumer Goods	292.4	294.7	295.4	294.1	na	*296.6*	*297.6*
Consumer Price Indexes							
All Items	325.5	326.6	327.4	328.4	327.5	*330.1*	*332.7*
Food & Beverages	302.5	303.6	305.6	307.9	307.7	*309.1*	*310.4*
Housing	354.4	355.0	355.8	356.8	356.5	*359.0*	*361.5*
Transportation	320.9	323.2	324.0	323.9	319.2	*322.3*	*325.1*
Medical Care	410.5	413.0	414.7	418.2	422.3	*425.8*	*429.2*
• Production Indexes •							
Industrial Production Indexes							
Total Index	124.4	125.4	126.3	126.5	125.7	*125.3*	*125.2*
Durable Consumer Goods	111.4	115.5	116.9	116.7	117.6	*117.0*	*116.4*
Nondurable Consumer Goods	124.3	125.4	126.7	127.2	126.9	*127.0*	*127.1*
Business Equipment	139.6	141.7	142.2	142.4	141.3	*140.3*	*142.2*
Defense & Space Equipment	178.7	180.7	180.7	179.5	177.6	*178.2*	*178.9*
Construction Supplies	120.0	120.9	120.7	123.3	122.5	*122.0*	*121.5*
Business Supplies	141.2	142.7	144.9	144.7	na	*146.7*	*147.5*
Durable Goods Materials	120.4	121.7	121.9	122.3	120.8	*123.1*	*125.1*
Nondurable Goods Materials	113.4	113.0	114.6	114.4	113.8	*114.5*	*115.0*
Energy Materials	104.2	102.5	105.8	104.0	104.0	*104.5*	*104.9*
• Finance & Business Activity •							
Finance ($ Bil)							
Credit Union Deposits	64.8	65.1	65.3	65.4	65.3	*66.6*	*67.8*
Saving & Loans Deposits	744.1	744.5	745.6	749.0	748.3	*760.9*	*767.4*
Commercial Bank Deposits	1,522.1	1,523.0	1,540.6	1,588.2	1,547.2	*1,580.3*	*1,605.1*
Business Activity							
Total Retail Trade Sales	115,750	118,060	138,646	105,197	na	*119,240*	*121,929*
Index of 12 Leading indicators	171.2	171.5	174.1	174.1	175.4	*176.3*	*177.2*

Louisiana

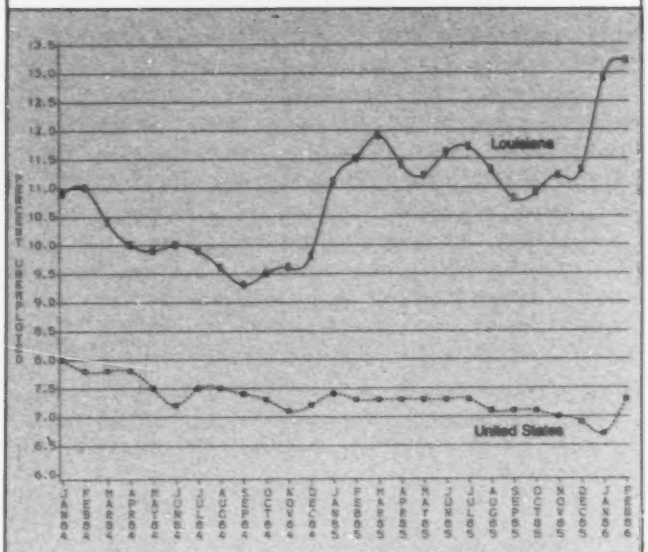
	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Forecasts Mar 86	Forecasts Apr 86
• Oil & Gas Activity •							
Fuel Consumption (Gals)							
Gasoline	110,326,520	132,979,327	221,697,102	180,973,846	na	*172,867,942*	*172,823,485*
Highway Diesel	15,609,712	24,916,931	36,914,413	38,111,776	na	*37,483,725*	*37,925,944*
Total Fuel Consumption	138,876,076	174,285,420	271,094,697	238,369,690	na	*282,837,073*	*286,234,328*
Crude Oil Refined (Bbl Daily Avg)							
Total	1,792,482	1,867,273	1,966,561	na	na	*1,733,830*	*1,730,190*
Crude Oil Unloaded (Bbl)							
LOOP Total	13,440,298	20,767,788	17,233,921	18,451,102	13,288,436	*14,640,052*	*15,409,606*
Drilling Rigs							
Permits Issued	498	298	434	313	284	*453*	*434*
Wildcats Issued	55	34	40	26	23	*37*	*44*
Offshore Rigs	22	16	14	16	2	*12*	*12*
Active Rigs	199	208	227	183	194	*198*	*202*
Gas Activity Report (mcf)							
Field Intake	49,406,651	53,898,477	55,969,186	na	na	*50,031,982*	*47,514,813*
Pipeline & Other Intake	46,626,368	50,420,730	67,999,054	na	na	*54,688,743*	*53,245,501*
Sales to Pipelines	76,485,473	84,031,299	102,551,837	na	na	*83,614,212*	*81,763,407*

Louisiana

Louisiana	Oct 85	Nov 85	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86	Forecasts Mar 86	Forecasts Apr 86
• Employment & Unemployment •							
Employment Statistics							
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	2,025.8	1,985.1	1,963.0	1,950.2	1,958.7	*1,968.8*	*1,979.6*
Total Employed (000)	1,804.4	1,763.2	1,740.2	1,699.1	1,699.8	*1,703.8*	*1,719.5*
Non-Agricultural Employment (000)							
Non-Agricultural	1,598.7	1,594.5	1,600.4	1,575.3	1,567.9	*1,574.8*	*1,577.7*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	384.3	387.6	397.3	385.0	382.0	*383.5*	*384.5*
Government	329.2	328.2	327.5	325.3	328.9	*330.1*	*330.1*
Services	319.2	317.3	320.9	320.7	321.0	*323.2*	*323.3*
Manufacturing	174.6	172.9	173.5	170.0	168.6	*168.0*	*167.4*
Transportation & Public Utilities	114.8	113.8	114.5	112.4	110.5	*111.5*	*112.2*
Construction	114.7	112.9	100.3	96.7	95.0	*98.2*	*98.9*
Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate	84.2	84.4	85.9	85.5	85.2	*85.6*	*86.4*
Mining	77.7	77.4	80.5	79.7	76.7	*76.8*	*76.9*
Wage Statistics							
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	41.6	42.3	42.7	41.5	41.4	*41.2*	*41.2*
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	436.80	441.19	448.35	432.85	431.39	*445.38*	*450.04*
Unemployment Statistics							
Total Unemployed (000)	221.4	221.9	222.8	251.1	258.9	*265.0*	*260.1*
Unemployment Rate	10.9	11.2	11.3	12.9	13.2	*13.5*	*13.1*
Unemployment Benefits (000 Weeks)	263	239	280	335	294	*336*	*316*
Unemployment Benefits ($ Mil)	38.6	34.7	40.7	48.2	41.8	*49.1*	*46.9*
New Claims (000)	31.8	39.3	32.6	42.7	34.9	*32.9*	*40.3*
Exhaustions (000)	6.8	6.0	7.1	8.6	7.7	*8.7*	*8.9*
• General Business Activity •							
Revenue Collections							
Alcoholic Beverages	4,789,010	2,037,634	3,073,956	5,861,989	2,551,133	*4,304,109*	*4,260,138*
Corporation Franchise Tax	8,204,384	15,623,227	14,018,041	4,573,166	7,949,780	*9,556,781*	*7,999,963*
Corporation Income Tax	12,403,607	4,529,780	23,425,518	29,019,279	4,469,273	*16,082,004*	*36,083,115*
Individual Income Tax	62,204,218	37,454,518	41,238,422	70,419,216	22,376,942	*31,306,713*	*50,070,536*
General Severance Tax	57,299,614	50,445,584	63,914,127	58,685,014	59,880,338	*67,798,776*	*70,593,032*
Gasoline Tax	25,777,546	16,057,834	19,702,754	32,060,580	26,871,526	*23,603,844*	*24,704,887*
Special Fuels	5,146,974	2,549,793	4,103,882	6,055,353	6,168,232	*4,526,268*	*5,430,247*
General Sales Tax	85,771,390	81,232,373	81,681,012	106,311,166	79,170,672	*85,834,238*	*97,117,719*
Tobacco	7,715,681	6,314,730	6,666,208	7,758,766	6,337,552	*6,745,783*	*6,806,298*
Motor Vehicle Tax	12,992,807	9,508,289	9,751,145	12,531,746	9,906,000	*12,519,657*	*11,358,024*
Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses	32,087,183	31,873,251	33,007,090	35,689,824	37,703,921	*37,739,179*	*37,606,689*
Other Taxes	7,399,860	14,231,154	8,837,536	10,400,211	14,918,879	*9,180,378*	*12,063,968*
Total Sales Tax	321,792,274	281,858,167	309,419,690	379,366,310	278,234,248	*303,262,051*	*346,856,005*
Corporation Filings							
Domestic Charters	989	678	774	1,136	1,001	*926*	*902*
Dissolutions	182	119	179	196	164	*219*	*219*
Retail Trade							
Total Retail Sales	1,673	1,866	2,173	na	na	*1,919*	*1,899*
Total Department Sales	176	220	337	na	na	*297*	*205*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)							
Residential	103	76	81	97	na	*119*	*127*
Non-Residential	114	100	93	100	na	*127*	*127*
Non-Building	98	175	95	64	na	*98*	*80*
Number of Building Permits							
Residential Building	1,082	877	1,171	947	na	*1,026*	*999*
Commercial & Industrial	1,249	741	781	828	na	*935*	*967*
Value of Building Permits							
Residential Building	51,823,062	42,260,786	46,328,888	49,994,421	na	*48,669,411*	*47,733,319*
Commercial & Industrial	115,028,343	39,642,415	63,143,674	113,061,593	na	*88,496,395*	*87,799,838*
New Car/Truck Sales							
Total New Cars	12,866	9,785	9,793	14,043	10,013	*12,481*	*12,480*
Total New Trucks	6,422	5,326	5,087	7,152	5,252	*6,181*	*6,497*

Unemployment Rate

Louisiana State/United States



Total nonagricultural wage and salary employment dropped by 7,400 in February, and it was 14,400 below the level of February 1985. Most of the decline in employment was in the mining, construction, nondurables manufacturing, transportation, and the retail trade sectors. Mining employment declined due to cutbacks in exploration for oil and gas. Construction employment declined due to decreases in general building construction. The employment in manufacturing declined due to cutbacks in food and kindred products, apparel and textiles, and petroleum refining. Transportation employment was lower because of declines in port activities. Employment also declined in general merchandise, business, and eating and drinking places. Government employment increased in February due to gains in the state and local education payrolls.

The Louisiana Economic Indicator (LEI) declined 0.8 percent in February, again primarily due to a drop in the index for construction. The indices for mining and manufacturing also declined moderately. The overall outlook sug-

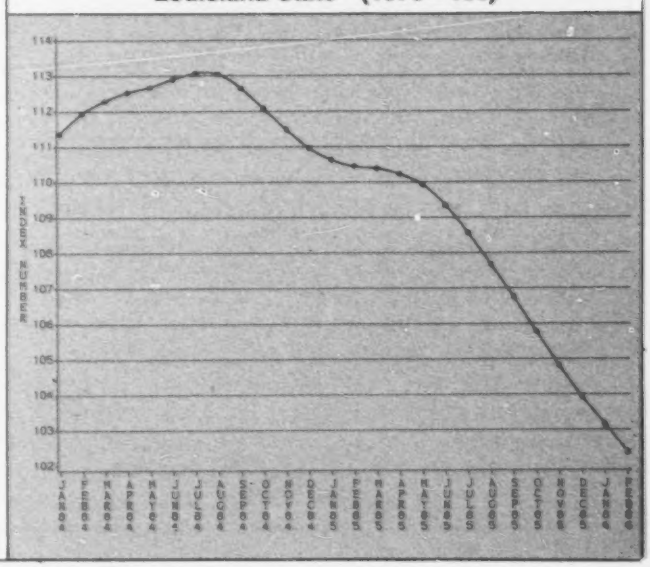
Month	Unemployment Rate						Leading Indicators					
	Louisiana			United States			Louisiana 1976 = 100			United States 1967 = 100		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Jan	10.9	**11.1**	12.9	8.0	**7.4**	6.7	111.35	**110.62**	103.16	164.5	**166.3**	174.1
Feb	11.0	**11.5**	13.2	7.8	**7.3**	7.3	111.93	**110.44**	102.36	166.5	**167.4**	175.4
Mar	10.4	**11.9**	na	7.8	**7.3**	na	112.28	**110.38**	na	167.2	**167.6**	na
Apr	10.0	**11.4**		7.8	**7.3**		112.52	**110.22**		168.1	**166.4**	
May	9.9	**11.2**		7.5	**7.3**		112.67	**109.92**		168.2	**166.4**	
Jun	10.0	**11.6**		7.2	**7.3**		112.89	**109.34**		166.7	**166.5**	
Jul	9.9	**11.7**		7.5	**7.3**		113.07	**108.56**		163.9	**168.2**	
Aug	9.6	**11.3**		7.5	**7.1**		113.04	**107.67**		164.4	**169.1**	
Sep	9.3	**10.8**		7.4	**7.1**		112.65	**106.75**		165.7	**169.7**	
Oct	9.5	**10.9**		7.3	**7.1**		112.07	**105.77**		164.2	**171.2**	
Nov	9.6	**11.2**		7.1	**7.0**		111.48	**104.81**		165.1	**171.5**	
Dec	9.8	**11.3**		7.2	**6.9**		110.96	**103.93**		164.1	**174.1**	

Louisiana

The Louisiana economy continued to decline in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 0.4 percent since January and it was 1.5 percent below the February 1985 level. The unemployment rate, which is also seasonally adjusted, was 12.4 percent, compared to a 12.2 percent rate in January. Louisiana had the highest unemployment rate (13.2 percent unadjusted) in the nation during February. Among the neighboring states, Texas with a 6.9 percent unemployment rate in January, Arkansas with a 9.7 percent unemployment rate, and Mississippi with an 11.1 percent unemployment rate were ranked 27, 7, and 5 respectively. Alabama and Tennessee were ranked 13 and 17 in order of unemployment. This means that the relative unemployment situation in Arkansas had improved in January while the situation had worsened in Texas and Tennessee.

Leading Economic Indicator

Louisiana State (1976 = 100)



Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	New Orleans				Baton Rouge			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Apr 86	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Apr 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	590.0	588.9	*594.1*	*598.3*	258.0	256.9	*259.3*	*261.2*
Total Employed (000)	525	524	*529*	*534*	227	226	*228*	*230*
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	435.94	419.82	*429.92*	*437.38*	506.69	519.66	*537.46*	*544.83*
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	41.4	38.8	*39.4*	*39.7*	41.6	42.7	*42.8*	*42.8*
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	64.9	65.2	*65.2*	*64.8*	30.9	31.1	*31.3*	*31.2*
Unemployment Rate	11.0	11.1	*11.0*	*10.8*	12.0	12.1	*12.0*	*11.9*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	25,836,751	20,593,011	*21,129,626*	*24,215,840*	10,638,568	8,879,332	*8,916,325*	*9,719,603*
Severance Tax	5,422,341	5,824,590	*5,529,075*	*5,802,262*	2,683,859	1,632,751	*3,077,972*	*2,713,539*
Minimum Royalty	2,906,452	3,645,703	*3,700,303*	*3,965,054*	408,119	240,544	*575,868*	*591,260*
Retail Trade								
Department Store Sales ($ 000)	na	na	*na*	*na*	na	na	*na*	*na*
Number of Department Stores	na	na	*na*	*na*	na	na	*na*	*na*
Airport Activity								
Passengers	543,469	na	*617,183*	*558,397*	30,306	28,656	*32,303*	*30,622*
Cargo (Tons)	2,974	na	*3,510*	*3,725*	311	275	*242*	*227*
Port Activity								
Port Total (000 Tons)	1,788	1,559	*1,541*	*1,538*	549	411	*365*	*345*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	26.2	na	*34.5*	*37.1*	16.5	na	*20.4*	*23.4*
Non-Residential	39.4	na	*51.1*	*51.7*	30.7	na	*30.9*	*27.0*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	351	na	*368*	*353*	160	na	*143*	*136*
Commercial & Industrial	375	na	*311*	*329*	94	na	*169*	*169*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	16,227,120	na	*16,626,103*	*16,159,151*	8,987,150	na	*8,573,232*	*8,300,460*
Commercial & Industrial	33,860,477	na	*37,018,606*	*36,747,055*	62,593,173	na	*21,286,513*	*21,356,235*
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	4,382	3,111	*3,945*	*3,956*	1,800	1,465	*1,547*	*1,808*
Total New Trucks	1,606	1,161	*1,603*	*1,615*	1,014	699	*997*	*1,000*
	Dec 85	**Jan 86**	**Feb 86**	**Mar 86**				
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	7,308,155	na	*4,919,494*	*4,925,516*				
Pipeline & Other Intake	17,705,124	na	*15,921,708*	*15,401,664*				
Sales to Pipelines	21,156,989	na	*18,111,163*	*17,342,216*				

Leading Indicators

Month	New Orleans			Baton Rouge			Shreveport		
	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	1986
Jan	105.11	**97.82**	96.90	102.86	**98.50**	98.29	109.88	**103.77**	93.41
Feb	105.41	**97.69**	96.31	103.27	**98.45**	98.02	110.13	**103.04**	91.55
Mar	105.49	**97.70**	na	103.36	**98.50**	na	109.63	**102.40**	na
Apr	105.23	**97.79**		103.07	**98.77**		108.42	**102.03**	
May	104.59	**97.97**		102.37	**99.22**		106.69	**101.97**	
Jun	103.70	**98.16**		101.44	**99.67**		105.08	**102.07**	
Jul	102.62	**98.31**		100.52	**99.94**		103.90	**102.09**	
Aug	101.45	**98.43**		99.71	**99.99**		103.38	**101.78**	
Sep	100.25	**98.44**		99.11	**99.78**		103.39	**100.93**	
Oct	99.28	**98.26**		98.76	**99.41**		103.70	**99.46**	
Nov	98.58	**97.93**		98.63	**99.02**		104.10	**97.46**	
Dec	98.12	**97.44**		98.56	**98.64**		104.14	**95.29**	

Table 1

Data on Louisiana Metropolitan Areas

State/Metro Areas	Unemployment Rate 02/86 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 01/86 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Unemployment Rate 02/85 Unadjusted	Seasonally Adjusted	Ranking by Unadjusted Unemployment Rates Among 51 States and 209 Metro Areas 01/86*	% Change in Number of Persons Employed 02/85-02/86
Louisiana	13.2%	12.4%	12.9%	12.2%	11.5%	10.8%	2**	-1.5%
New Orleans	11.1%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	10.8%	10.8%	25	-2.7%
Baton Rouge	12.1%	11.8%	12.0%	11.6%	9.7%	9.5%	18	-2.1%
Houma/Thibodaux	14.3%	na	13.3%	na	11.8%	na	11	-5.6%
Lafayette	10.5%	10.1%	10.1%	9.8%	8.9%	8.5%	31	2.4%
Lake Charles	15.4%	14.3%	14.7%	13.9%	15.8%	14.8%	4	-2.2%
Alexandria	11.0%	10.1%	10.9%	9.4%	10.4%	9.6%	25	0.2%
Shreveport	13.1%	12.2%	12.8%	11.9%	8.5%	7.8%	13	-4.8%
Monroe	11.6%	10.9%	11.4%	10.7%	9.9%	9.3%	23	-0.8%

*Ranked from highest unemployment rate to lowest unemployment rate. The metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is ranked number 1 and the area with the lowest unemployment rate is ranked number 209.

**Louisiana 's rank among the 51 states and the District of Columbia.

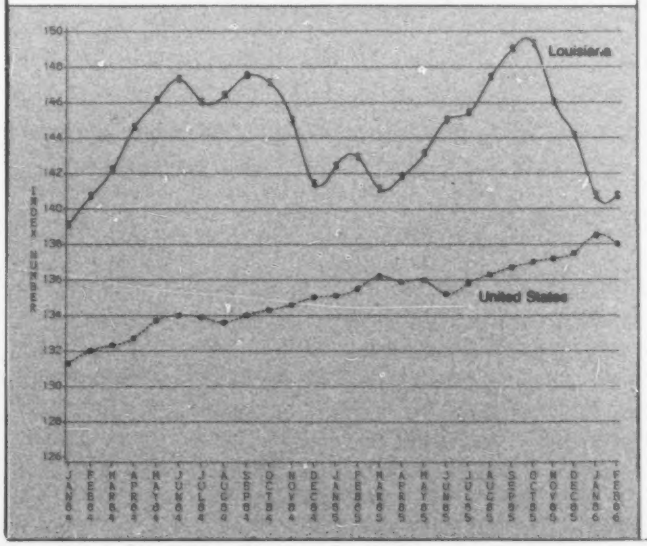
gests that the Louisiana economy will be inhibited until the end of 1986.

General state sales tax collections reported in February were 25.6 percent higher than in January, but 0.1 percent less than in February 1985. New car and truck sales declined sharply in February, following the end of subsidies provided by the automakers.

The value of construction contracts dropped in January again due to a sharp drop in nonbuilding construction. Residential and nonresidential building construction, however, experienced moderate increases in January. The general outlook suggests that some of the key sectors of the Louisiana economy, such as oil and gas extraction, construction, durables manufacturing, and transportation, face uncertainties in the coming months. A prolonged downturn in these sectors would also affect the stable sectors such as retail trade and services.

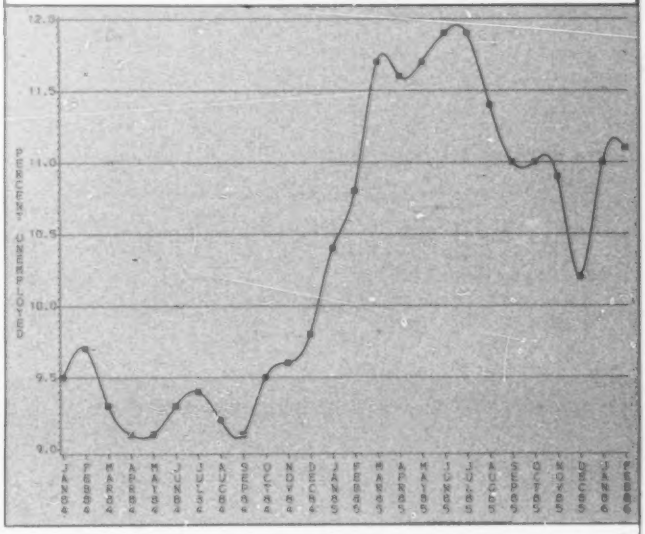
Total Employment Indices

Louisiana State/United States (1970=100)



Unemployment Rate

New Orleans



New Orleans

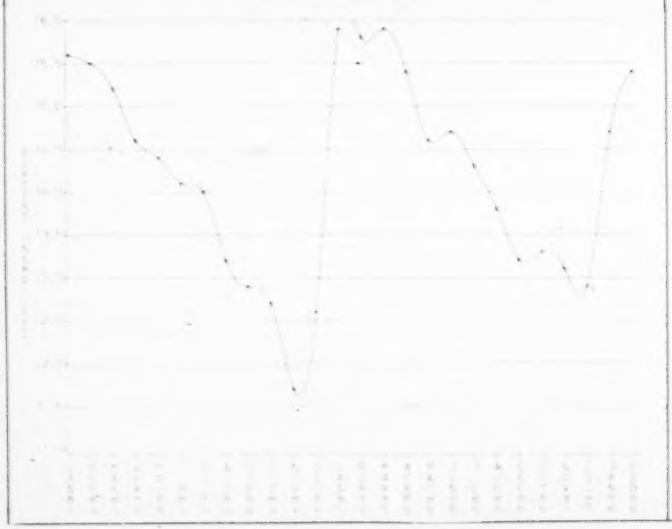
The New Orleans economy again declined in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 0.4 percent in the current month, and it was 2.7 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 11 percent, unchanged since January. Only 24 metropolitan areas out of a total of 209 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than New Orleans in January (Table 1, Column 8). This represents an improvement

Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

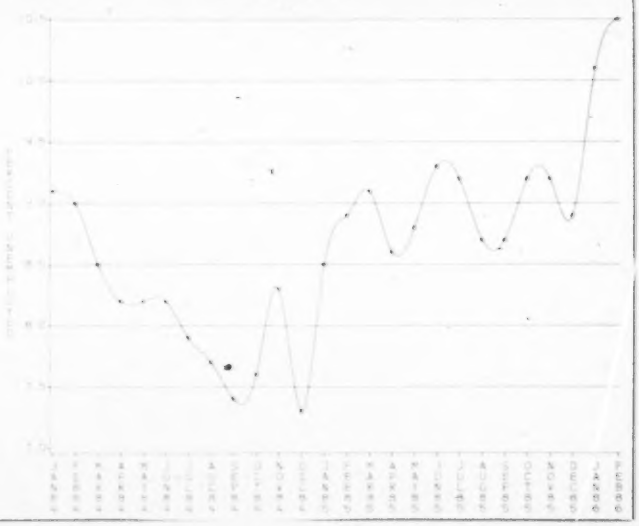
	Lake Charles				Lafayette			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Apr 86	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Apr 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	72.9	73.6	*74.1*	*74.5*	111.7	111.1	*112.9*	*114.0*
Total Employed (000)	62.2	62.3	*62.4*	*62.5*	101.3	99.4	*101.1*	*102.5*
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	10.7	11.3	*11.7*	*12.0*	10.5	11.7	*11.8*	*12.0*
Unemployment Rate	14.7	15.4	*15.8*	*16.1*	9.3	10.5	*10.5*	*10.4*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	2,832,676	2,723,422	*2,522,968*	*2,775,986*	4,081,114	4,000,161	*4,078,094*	*4,212,098*
Severance Tax	1,191,780	1,072,957	*1,326,834*	*1,385,837*	818,508	1,189,858	*780,194*	*839,524*
Minumum Royalty	17,020	29,265	*18,551*	*25,016*	7,917	22,513	*6,047*	*8,091*
Airport Activity								
Passengers	2,800	2,300	*2,566*	*2,568*	20,059	19,247	*20,944*	*21,518*
Cargo	8,500	7,550	*9,085*	*9,569*	35,575	39,464	*35,200*	*36,441*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	1.7	na	*2.0*	*2.0*	5.5	na	*5.7*	*5.2*
Non-Residential	3.4	na	*1.8*	*2.1*	2.5	na	*3.6*	*3.6*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	29	na	*22*	*21*	83	na	*76*	*57*
Commercial & Industrial	43	na	*58*	*60*	183	na	*187*	*188*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	1,394,890	na	*1,189,692*	*1,158,990*	3,676,847	na	*4,758,469*	*2,768,945*
Commercial & Industrial	966,325	na	*1,003,222*	*1,373,724*	6,779,792	na	*6,680,347*	*6,847,524*
New Car/Trucks Sales								
Total New Cars	592	435	*569*	*498*	700	493	*709*	*712*
Total New Trucks	356	317	*393*	*397*	399	271	*417*	*423*
Port Activity (000 Tons)								
Port Total	2,341.2	2,062.3	*2,402.1*	*2,685.4*				
	Dec 85	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*	*Mar 86*	*Dec 85*	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*	*Mar 86*
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	2,689,445	na	*2,580,785*	*2,511,066*	23,986,483	na	*22,002,267*	*21,625,730*
Pipeline & Other Intake	7,848,012	na	*8,020,289*	*8,092,278*	24,560,071	na	*16,325,196*	*15,532,510*
Sales to Pipelines	4,678,902	na	*4,722,832*	*4,706,230*	42,710,991	na	*33,246,761*	*31,824,919*

Unemployment Rate

Lake Charles



Lafayette



in the relative unemployment rate since December. Total nonagricultural employment dropped 3,700 in February and was 10,200 below the level of a year ago. All the major sectors of the economy except finance, insurance, and real estate had declining employment in February.

The New Orleans Leading Indicator decreased 0.6 percent in February, primarily due to a decline in the construction and manufacturing indices. This suggests that the metropolitan economy will be stymied during the next several months.

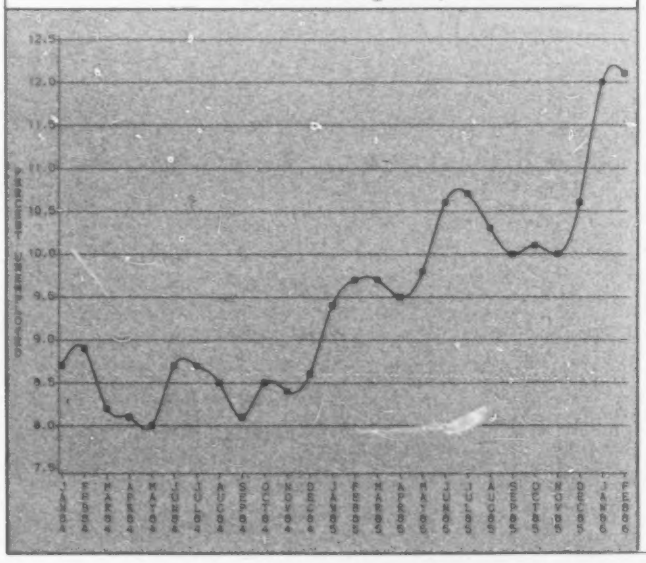
Retail sales taxes reported in January increased 19.2 percent since the prior month but they were 5.8 percent below the level of January 1985. Other indicators of the metropolitan economy, such as construction, and airport activities increased. This indicates certain sectors of the economy improved in January but the recent trend in employment and the leading index suggests that the metropolitan economy is faltering.

Baton Rouge

The Baton Rouge economy declined again in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment decreased 0.7 percent since the previous month and was 2.1 percent below the level of February 1985. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 11.8 percent, compared with 11.6 percent in January. Only 17 metropolitan areas out of 209 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Baton Rouge in January (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 1,100 workers since January. The declines in employment were mainly in construction and retail trade. Employment has decreased by 3,300 since February 1985.

Unemployment Rate

Baton Rouge



The Baton Rouge Leading Indicator declined 0.3 percent in February following declines of the past few months. This suggests that the metropolitan economy will be stagnant during the next several months.

Retail sales taxes reported in January increased 30.6 percent compared to the previous month but they were 14.7 percent lower than in January 1985. Other indicators of the metropolitan economy, such as the value of of construction contracts increased, but the cargo handled at the port decreased in January. This indicates some improvement for the metropolitan economy, although the economy as a whole is faltering. The recent trend in the leading indicator also does not suggest an optimistic outlook for the local economy in the coming months.

Lake Charles

The Lake Charles economy declined in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment decreased 0.3 percent since January and it was 2.2 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 14.3 percent, compared with 13.9 percent in January. Lake Charles has the fourth highest unemployment rate among the 209 metropolitan areas of the United States (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment declined by 100 workers since January. The decline in employment was primarily in the manufacturing, retail trade, and government sectors, which exceeded gains in mining and services. Employment dropped by 500 during the past twelve months.

Retail sales taxes reported in January increased 5.8 percent, but they were 9.5 percent below the taxes of January 1985. The value of construction contracts dropped in January. Other indicators of the local economy, such as port activities, increased. The outlook suggests that the economy of Lake Charles will be weak during the next several months, although certain sectors, such as trade and services, should gain moderately.

Lafayette

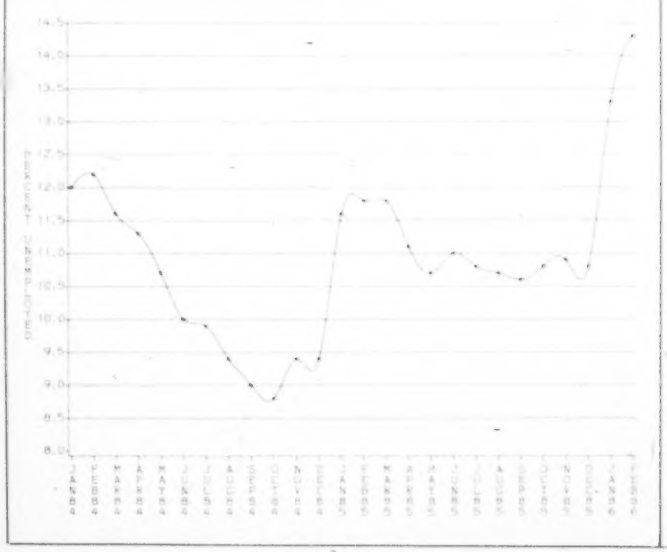
The Lafayette economy declined in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment fell 0.3 percent during the month, but it was 2.4 percent above the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.1 percent, compared to 9.8 percent in January. Only 30 metropolitan areas out of 209 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Lafayette in January (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 700 workers in February. All the major sectors of the economy except services experienced declines or were unchanged. Employment increased by 700 compared to February 1985.

Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

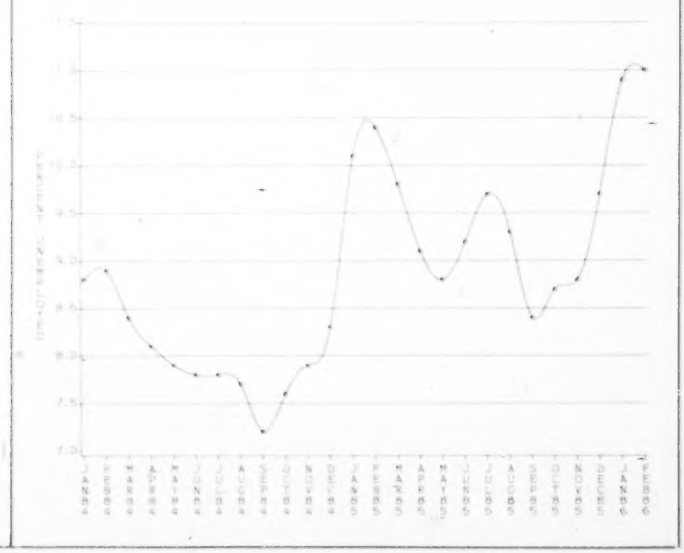
	Houma				Alexandria			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Apr 86	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Apr 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	77.0	76.6	*73.7*	*73.2*	57.5	58.2	*58.3*	*58.4*
Total Employed (000)	66.8	65.6	*64.3*	*63.3*	51.2	51.8	*52.6*	*53.1*
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	10.2	11.0	*9.4*	*9.9*	6.3	6.4	*5.8*	*5.3*
Unemployment Rate	13.3	14.3	*12.7*	*13.5*	10.9	11.0	*9.9*	*9.0*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	2,238,095	1,892,861	*1,818,201*	*1,893,638*	1,838,932	1,583,587	*1,559,981*	*1,700,461*
Severance Tax	6,840,676	7,914,396	*8,027,430*	*7,736,744*	162,679	153,783	*204,201*	*174,690*
Minimum Royalty	3,857,741	3,667,975	*4,171,227*	*4,375,011*	129	104	*150*	*124*
Airport Activity								
Passengers					5,835	5,370	*5,588*	*5,784*
Cargo					4,589	4,922	*4,926*	*5,009*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	5.3	na	*na*	*na*	2.7	na	*4.0*	*4.1*
Non-Residential	0.6	na	*na*	*na*	0.7	na	*3.6*	*3.7*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	70	na	*47*	*39*	7	na	*19*	*24*
Commercial & Industrial	21	na	*18*	*17*	14	na	*19*	*19*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential Building	3,190,074	na	*2,305,079*	*2,003,633*	491,665	na	*1,103,537*	*1,153,115*
Commercial & Industrial	569,686	na	*565,215*	*536,776*	426,100	na	*2,123,559*	*2,062,133*
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	574	435	*474*	*476*	378	316	*371*	*371*
Total New Trucks	376	340	*320*	*322*	244	198	*230*	*231*
	Dec 85	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*	*Mar 86*				
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	8,096,499	na	*7,730,862*	*7,484,320*				
Pipeline & Other Intake	16,574,970	na	*13,188,961*	*12,577,529*				
Sales to Pipelines	22,033,946	na	*17,035,331*	*17,304,695*				

Unemployment Rate

Houma



Alexandria



Retail sales taxes reported in January increased 9.7 percent since December 1985, but they were 15.4 percent below the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the local economy, increased in January. The Lafayette economy is very dependent on the activities in the mining sector. Since the outlook for this industry is not optimistic, the local economy will continue to falter in the near future.

Houma/Thibodaux

The Houma/Thibodaux economy also declined in February. Total employment dropped 5.6 percent since February 1985. The unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, was 14.3 percent, compared with 13.3 percent in January. Only 10 metropolitan areas out of a total of 209 in the United States had a higher unemployment rate than Houma/Thibodaux in January (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 1,400 workers in February. Employment declined in all the major sectors of the economy except finance, insurance, and real estate and the government sector. Employment has dropped by 2,900 workers since February 1985.

Retail sales taxes reported in January increased 18.7 percent since December 1985 and were 1.3 percent above the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts increased moderately since the prior month but it was below the level of January 1985. The outlook suggests that the metropolitan economy will be stagnant during the next few months.

Alexandria

The metropolitan economy also declined in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment dropped 1.2 percent since January but it was 0.2 percent above the level of February 1985. The unemployment rate, also seasonally adjusted, was 10.1 percent compared with 9.4 percent in January. Out of a total of 209 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 24 had a higher unemployment rate than Alexandria in January (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment increased by 200 workers since January. The gain in employment was mainly in the retail trade and services sector. Employment in February increased by 700 compared to a year ago.

Retail sales taxes reported in January increased 14.6 percent since the prior month, but declined 6.5 percent since January 1985. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the local economy, declined in January. The Alexandria economy should grow moderately during the next few months.

Shreveport

The Shreveport economy declined in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment fell 0.7 percent since the prior month and decreased 4.8 percent since February 1985. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 12.2 percent compared to 11.9 percent in January. Only 12 metropolitan areas out of a total of 209 had a higher unemployment rate than Shreveport in January (Table 1, Column 8). Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 1,500 workers in February. Employment dropped in all the major sectors except government, where it increased by 500 workers.

The Shreveport Leading Indicator declined 2.0 percent following declines since August 1985. This suggests that the metropolitan economy will be weak for the next several months.

Retail sales reported in January were 23.7 percent higher than in the previous month but they were 0.6 percent below the level of a year ago. The value of construction contracts, which is another indicator of the Shreveport economy, increased in January. The metropolitan economy suffered major losses in manufacturing during the past year, and it will take several months for the metropolitan economy to recover.

Monroe

The metropolitan economy declined in February. The seasonally adjusted total employment decreased 0.5 percent since January and was 0.8 percent below the level of a year ago. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 10.9 percent, compared with 10.7 percent in January. Out of a total of 209 metropolitan areas in the United States, only 22 had a higher unemployment rate than Monroe in January (Table 1, Column 8).

Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 300 in February. The decline in employment was primarily in the mining, construction, and retail trade sectors.

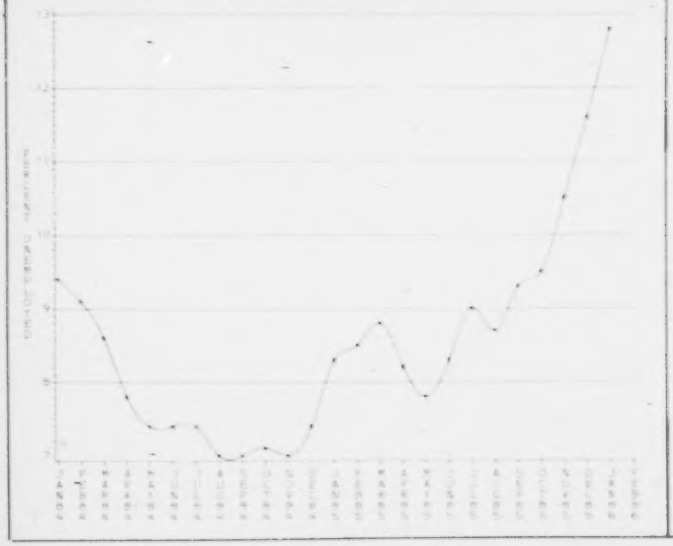
Retail sales taxes reported in January increased 3.3 percent compared to the previous month but decreased 2.7 percent compared with January 1985. Other business indicators, such as the value of construction contracts, dropped sharply. The number of airline passengers also decreased in January. The outlook suggests the metropolitan economy should grow moderately during the next few months.

Louisiana's Metropolitan Areas

	Shreveport				Monroe			
			Forecasts				Forecasts	
	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Apr 86	Jan 86	Feb 86	Mar 86	Apr 86
• Employment & Unemployment •								
Employment & Wage Statistics								
Total Civilian Labor Force (000)	166.6	166.0	*164.3*	*164.4*	67.4	67.2	*66.1*	*67.3*
Total Employed (000)	145.3	144.3	*143.4*	*144.6*	59.7	59.4	*59.9*	*59.9*
Average Weekly Mfg Earnings	373.97	372.11	*405.09*	*430.02*				
Average Weekly Mfg Hours	36.7	37.1	*39.3*	*39.4*				
Unemployment Statistics								
Total Unemployed (000)	21.3	21.7	*20.9*	*19.8*	7.7	7.8	*6.1*	*7.3*
Unemployment Rate	12.8	13.1	*12.7*	*12.0*	11.4	11.6	*9.3*	*10.9*
• General Business Activity •								
Revenue Collections								
Retail Sales Tax-State	7,172,638	5,691,015	*5,837,262*	*6,951,415*	3,626,253	2,681,222	*2,928,278*	*3,316,634*
Severance Tax	1,789,617	2,534,749	*2,345,641*	*2,348,783*	126,952	244,633	*187,662*	*201,067*
Minimum Royalty	98,125	86,026	*91,994*	*101,261*	2,333	1,639	*2,760*	*2,854*
Airport Activity								
Passengers	25,202	na	*na*	*na*	8,397	7,399	*8,390*	*8,025*
Cargo	2,970,826	na	*na*	*na*	25,545	24,618	*24,794*	*23,729*
Value of Construction Contracts ($ Mil)								
Residential	7.5	na	*14.1*	*15.0*	5.7	na	*4.8*	*4.3*
Non-Residential	7.8	na	*14.3*	*16.8*	1.7	na	*5.3*	*3.9*
Number of Building Permits								
Residential Building	72	na	*126*	*122*	46	na	*62*	*54*
Commercial & Industrial	36	na	*73*	*71*	24	na	*38*	*41*
Value of Building Permits								
Residential building	6,215,757	na	*6,050,223*	*5,974,478*	3,082,800	na	*3,426,417*	*3,434,424*
Commercial & Industrial	3,751,528	na	*6,123,304*	*6,315,774*	874,511	na	*3,113,013*	*3,158,404*
New Car/Truck Sales								
Total New Cars	1,526	799	*1,090*	*1,088*	663	481	*580*	*584*
Total New Trucks	578	358	*507*	*506*	392	244	*344*	*348*
	Dec 85	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*	*Mar 86*	*Dec 85*	*Jan 86*	*Feb 86*	*Mar 86*
• Gas Activity •								
Gas Activity Report (MCF)								
Field Intake	13,018,140	na	*12,054,066*	*11,814,047*	870,464	na	*834,238*	*832,483*
Pipeline & Other Intake	1,276,106	na	*1,436,931*	*1,326,301*	34,771	na	*25,266*	*22,019*
Sales to Pipelines	11,952,777	na	*11,106,235*	*10,905,052*	18,232	na	*15,792*	*14,674*

Unemployment Rate

Shreveport



Monroe

Local Sales Tax Collections

• Cities & Towns	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86
Abbeville	84,953	111,358	*79,249*
Abita Springs	5,542	2,890	*na*
Albany	7,040	12,267	*na*
Alexandria	475,613	608,262	*425,634*
Amite	78,088	81,293	*59,821*
Angie	na	na	*na*
Arcadia	13,554	27,395	*14,917*
Arnaudville	17,002	12,144	*11,453*
Baker	133,368	144,234	*108,422*
Basile	8,876	9,295	*6,198*
Bastrop	136,813	186,944	*135,643*
Benton	na	na	*na*
Bernice	6,947	9,950	*6,554*
Bogalusa	308,937	343,723	*399,704*
Bonita	842	682	*720*
Bossier	556,230	777,895	*502,465*
Breaux Bridge	42,760	45,683	*40,385*
Broussard	38,031	36,203	*37,622*
Bunkie	43,992	48,368	*47,253*
Campti	na	na	*na*
Cankton	791	553	*548*
Carencro	30,711	25,682	*26,886*
Church Point	16,805	20,320	*16,165*
Colfax	na	na	*na*
Columbia	12,496	na	*na*
Cottonport	6,739	7,522	*5,408*
Cotton Valley	3,100	2,520	*1,900*
Coushatta	16,788	26,889	*na*
Covington	198,110	239,680	*165,081*
Crowley	162,003	204,399	*151,004*
Cullen	3,422	3,626	*2,795*
Delcambre	6,492	9,596	*4,413*
Delhi	11,458	9,940	*8,846*
Delta	193	843	*na*
Denham Springs	93,854	122,841	*87,318*
DeQuincy	21,884	50,302	*30,740*
DeRidder	82,847	108,981	*73,757*
Dixie Inn	8,969	6,321	*4,744*
Donaldsonville	66,969	84,940	*52,054*
Dubach	1,521	2,401	*2,839*
Duson	17,109	14,013	*14,815*
Elizabeth	1,341	1,073	*1,336*
Elton	3,296	na	*na*
Erath	10,075	11,663	*6,899*
Estherwood	707	929	*850*
Eunice	181,962	135,426	*na*
Farmerville	26,815	30,939	*25,727*
Ferriday	na	na	*na*
Florien (estimated)	na	na	*na*
Folsom	2,967	6,331	*3,920*
Franklinton	43,309	40,132	*32,380*
Gibsland	1,808	1,845	*2,567*
Gilbert	2,124	866	*na*
Glenmora	3,263	5,880	*3,532*
Gold Meadow	8,092	5,653	*17,844*
Gonzales	115,089	137,956	*na*
Grambling	5,318	6,188	*na*
Gramercy	15,418	21,099	*14,843*
Grand Coteau	2,141	2,011	*2,595*
Greensburg	5,172	3,505	*3,068*

• Cities & Towns	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86
Gueydan	6,704	7,896	*7,194*
Hall Summit	489	na	*na*
Hammond	381,800	534,471	*319,641*
Haughton	5,470	5,890	*4,252*
Haynesville	19,716	19,715	*17,981*
Henderson	5,272	3,730	*2,614*
Hodge	na	na	*na*
Homer	25,224	40,207	*32,777*
Independence	14,139	21,850	*13,203*
Iota	3,765	4,104	*3,645*
Iowa	5,921	6,424	*5,130*
Jeanerette	38,465	40,168	*29,073*
Jennings	81,901	95,371	*70,336*
Jonesboro	66,579	82,888	*58,699*
Kaplan	21,823	33,467	*21,077*
Kentwood	29,326	43,735	*23,006*
Kinder	18,091	19,369	*16,328*
Krotz Springs	3,937	5,027	*na*
Lafayette	2,053,100	2,588,423	*1,878,777*
Lake Arthur	24,803	26,648	*19,491*
Lake Charles	610,238	na	*na*
Lake Providence	16,405	na	*na*
Leesville	110,998	na	*na*
Livingston	5,005	15,226	*8,253*
Lockport	na	na	*na*
Logansport	2,730	na	*na*
Loreauville	3,431	3,763	*4,347*
Lutcher	8,385	10,827	*10,219*
Madisonville	6,080	3,291	*na*
Mamou	29,503	17,436	*12,996*
Mandeville	86,222	106,674	*75,807*
Mangham	2,082	2,228	*1,223*
Mansfield	41,719	62,730	*29,410*
Many	36,184	49,401	*39,536*
Marksville	63,057	58,211	*48,331*
Maurice	3,790	4,260	*3,020*
Melville	4,086	3,686	*3,374*
Mermentau	648	973	*759*
Mer Rouge	2,754	na	*na*
Merryville	1,431	2,340	*2,983*
Minden	171,203	229,919	*143,238*
Monroe	1,308,813	1,771,135	*1,059,278*
Mooringsport	1,339	na	*na*
Moreauville	2,556	1,845	*2,182*
Morgan City	61,845	61,845	*44,234*
Morganza	na	na	*na*
Morse	4,253	1,296	*1,300*
Napoleonville	4,386	8,966	*4,600*
Natchitoches	227,698	285,691	*201,216*
New Iberia	349,213	470,872	*304,763*
New Llano	6,520	4,606	*6,456*
New Orleans	na	na	*na*
New Orleans RTA	na	na	*na*
New Roads	42,387	na	*na*
Oakdale	40,102	46,492	*33,595*
Oak Grove	20,120	26,811	*18,131*
Oberlin	7,218	5,115	*5,016*
Oil City	14,183	na	*na*
Opelousas	241,383	285,520	*208,699*
Parks	3,921	3,592	*3,268*

Local Sales Tax Collections

• Cities & Towns	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86
Pearl River	7,275	7,275	*4,084*
Pine Prairie	3,521	na	*na*
Pineville	89,516	108,883	*83,384*
Plain Dealing	3,674	9,416	*5,708*
Plaucheville	762	540	*607*
Plasant Hill	na	na	*na*
Pollock	na	na	*na*
Ponchatoula	70,344	82,155	*53,369*
Port Allen	na	na	*na*
Port Barre	5,867	4,488	*8,802*
Rayne	77,677	77,677	*55,229*
Rayville	39,284	56,709	*38,016*
Richmond	na	na	*na*
Ringgold	na	na	*na*
Roseland	4,680	7,407	*1,059*
Rosepine	1,918	na	*na*
Sarepta	1,149	1,505	*1,292*
Scott	61,761	74,247	*62,795*
Shreveport	3,082,650	na	*na*
Sibley	1,188	1,628	*831*
Simmesport	7,550	6,888	*na*
Slidell	229,840	309,090	*218,560*
Sorrento	2,255	na	*na*
Springfield	3,255	4,450	*3,522*
Springhill	38,608	60,084	*40,254*
St Francisville	23,023	na	*na*
St Martinville	32,828	38,970	*27,449*
Sterlington	6,829	na	*na*
Sulphur	240,556	265,399	*225,324*
Sun	775	na	*na*
Sunset	7,524	6,605	*7,991*
Tallulah	22,965	na	*na*
Tangipahoa	2,444	2,188	*2,282*
Thibodaux	219,484	na	*na*
Tickfaw	3,820	na	*na*
Vidalia	na	na	*na*
Ville Platte	94,901	104,751	*64,824*
Vinton	20,933	23,448	*23,845*
Vivian	28,456	na	*na*
Walker	10,524	10,853	*5,624*
Washington	4,012	3,488	*2,659*
Welsh	14,147	13,201	*13,309*
West Monroe	267,208	330,051	*235,446*
Westlake	58,482	53,928	*49,298*
Winnsboro	43,245	59,873	*39,178*
Wisner	5,346	7,957	*3,937*
Youngsville	12,126	9,543	*11,333*
Zachary	115,743	134,374	*137,346*

• School Boards	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86
Acadia	219,887	303,505	*222,419*
Allen	86,871	173,758	*83,436*
Ascension	749,699	1,012,837	*803,784*
Assumption	166,559	135,564	*131,715*
Avoyelles	176,014	210,102	*171,689*
Beauregard	145,502	208,154	*148,542*
Bienville	98,636	55,688	*na*
Bogalusa	122,104	112,086	*86,086*
Bossier	678,183	na	*na*
Caddo	2,537,153	na	*na*
Calcasieu	1,389,360	1,513,816	*1,170,571*
Caldwell	na	na	*na*
Catahoula	na	na	*na*
Claiborne	75,525	93,339	*78,161*
Concordia	na	na	*na*
Desoto	121,264	192,549	*95,678*
E Baton Rouge	3,645,101	2,871,043	*na*
E Carroll	38,839	na	*na*
E Feliciana	125,226	na	*na*
Evangeline	197,292	240,174	*177,163*
Franklin	56,453	266,107	*126,905*
Grant	na	na	*na*
Iberia	809,699	798,275	*na*
Iberville	260,692	292,228	*242,269*
Jackson	165,000	135,400	*119,927*
Jefferson Davis	160,514	212,517	*129,651*
Jefferson	5,306,448	6,628,558	*4,824,313*
Lafayette	1,522,701	1,773,304	*1,381,216*
Lafourche	501,710	558,314	*445,933*
Lasalle	27,979	128,921	*72,832*
Lincoln	225,639	164,881	*169,225*
Livingston	488,102	640,837	*465,166*
Madison	66,000	71,000	*68,000*
Monroe	188,729	232,964	*158,944*
Morehouse	137,171	173,430	*126,752*
Natchitoches	147,680	265,949	*160,764*
Orleans	na	na	*na*
Ouachita	307,927	380,099	*259,330*
Plaquemine	346,114	279,390	*272,925*
Pointe Coupee	63,800	88,615	*57,791*
Red River	39,106	44,518	*37,438*
Richland	210,714	110,882	*92,368*
Sabine	83,255	129,773	*99,154*
St Bernard	na	na	*na*
St Charles	885,535	634,470	*644,199*
St Helena	17,012	27,031	*12,491*
St James	270,882	328,009	*280,759*
St John	505,923	645,689	*476,413*
St Landry	433,641	446,761	*292,287*
St Martin	185,088	518,289	*306,347*
St Mary	597,295	597,295	*377,883*
St Tammany	1,548,358	1,495,318	*1,718,293*
Tangipahoa	821,629	989,950	*684,813*
Tensas	21,263	25,678	*20,473*
Terrebonne	593,988	917,868	*526,033*
Union	76,876	93,860	*65,346*
Vermillion	333,797	280,177	*na*
Vernon	171,226	213,127	*na*
Washington	164,831	152,024	*188,070*
Webster	202,561	254,004	*188,778*
W Baton Rouge	113,618	na	*na*
W Carroll	30,265	63,956	*27,189*
W Feliciana	234,447	384,124	*na*
Winn	74,908	94,479	*99,831*

Local Sales Tax Collections

• Police Juries	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86
Acadia	219,526	300,531	*222,420*
Ascension	304,247	303,904	*271,803*
Assumption	83,611	67,811	*64,857*
Caldwell	na	na	*na*
Catahoula	na	na	*na*
Claiborne	15,865	18,149	*14,378*
Concordia	na	na	*na*
E Baton Rouge	7,382,962	6,822,846	*5,156,439*
Iberville	257,891	292,241	*242,268*
Jefferson	8,358,040	10,562,893	*7,597,022*
Lafayette	304,534	286,810	*265,593*
Lafourche	179,064	200,872	*159,504*
Lincoln	169,229	123,661	*126,941*
Madison	23,411	na	*na*
Morehouse	94,551	83,792	*61,677*
Ouachita	262,945	276,076	*230,552*
Plaquemine	346,114	279,290	*272,925*
Pointe Coupee	75,982	101,471	*74,031*
Rapides	791,734	983,859	*736,751*
Red River	32,162	44,533	*na*
St Bernard	na	na	*na*
St Charles	439,027	315,547	*313,555*
St Helena	29,684	26,393	*17,202*
St James	111,621	131,443	*115,057*
St Mary	1,100,220	1,100,220	*595,052*
St Mary	49,499	49,499	*32,005*
St Mary	36,570	36,570	*27,064*
Tensas	20,945	20,923	*17,074*
Terrebonne	989,980	1,529,779	*876,722*
Vermillion	363,789	280,183	*na*
Webster	99,046	123,947	*92,172*
W Ascension	33,391	39,381	*27,403*
W Baton Rouge	113,618	na	*na*

State Sales Tax Collections

• Parishes	Dec 85	Jan 86	Feb 86
Acadia	474,483	496,184	*538,831*
Allen	83,354	125,799	*102,097*
Ascension	225,194	330,690	*681,504*
Assumption	57,771	210,998	*56,851*
Avoyelles	148,653	164,473	*161,488*
Beauregard	213,097	268,327	*263,588*
Bienville	42,921	65,785	*45,776*
Bossier	777,149	907,656	*813,288*
Caddo	4,699,680	5,911,304	*4,563,617*
Calcasieu	2,676,908	2,832,676	*2,723,422*
Caldwell	41,314	47,315	*46,885*
Cameron	50,325	85,426	*62,740*
Catahoula	53,296	58,004	*39,384*
Claiborne	92,552	86,840	*112,079*
Concordia	123,162	150,278	*96,215*
DeSoto	163,496	162,950	*183,097*
E Baton Rouge	7,505,042	9,914,717	*7,790,681*
E Carroll	55,256	51,751	*46,617*
E Feliciana	50,714	76,946	*82,901*
Evangeline	154,465	142,411	*147,490*
Franklin	94,844	101,162	*82,098*
Grant	13,905	27,198	*15,224*
Iberia	784,036	889,584	*733,014*
Iberville	344,123	320,514	*372,376*
Jackson	76,375	78,199	*100,296*
Jefferson	8,947,337	10,490,952	*8,240,508*
Jefferson Davis	200,203	220,040	*237,414*
Lafayette	4,180,302	4,589,782	*4,000,161*
Lafourche	633,965	6[illegible],952	*651,690*
Lasalle	91,308	75,205	*107,208*
Lincoln	552,494	454,059	*432,161*
Livingston	248,924	256,175	*237,565*
Madison	50,490	64,363	*42,477*
Morehouse	205,127	211,267	*215,832*
Natchitoches	262,966	268,822	*290,742*
Orleans	10,941,486	13,245,660	*10,507,403*
Ouachita	2,521,104	3,414,986	*2,465,390*
Plaquemines	351,674	401,023	*462,425*
Pointe Coupee	81,716	92,089	*61,066*
Rapides	1,589,712	1,811,734	*1,568,363*
Red River	32,337	45,666	*33,723*
Richland	96,738	119,516	*69,238*
Sabine	92,399	168,965	*93,746*
St Bernard	322,419	385,225	*289,294*
St Charles	245,852	308,931	*319,106*
St Helena	8,536	25,773	*18,923*
St James	110,746	135,712	*98,908*
St John	320,670	261,664	*286,507*
St Landry	487,382	539,280	*596,808*
St Martin	205,463	251,283	*237,329*
St Mary	760,111	832,881	*788,161*
St Tammany	1,208,878	1,405,983	*1,236,700*
Tangipahoa	587,715	709,463	*569,368*
Tensas	21,049	19,568	*17,287*
Union	63,483	86,621	*74,617*
Vermillion	315,183	324,386	*321,440*
Vernon	251,050	236,380	*316,354*
Washington	258,309	232,392	*251,081*
Webster	317,972	353,678	*314,110*
W Baton Rouge	162,392	136,986	*169,582*
W Carroll	36,210	64,485	*34,463*
W Feliciana	119,640	157,518	*208,892*
Winn	111,434	113,409	*133,223*
Out of State	24,433,446	38,053,963	*21,220,911*
Invalid	0	0	*0*
Total	81,681,017	106,311,167	*78,322,908*

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